

December 22, 1971

STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA)
) BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION
COUNTY OF RICHLAND)

IN RE: Petition of independent telephone companies)
for authority to revise their rates for) DOCKET NO. 15,935
long distance telephone service to the same)
level as authorized for Southern Bell Tele-)
phone and Telegraph Company in Commission's) ORDER NO. 15,963 ✓
Order No. 15,962.)

TO: ALL INDEPENDENT TELEPHONE COMPANIES OPERATING IN SOUTH CAROLINA

The independent telephone companies operating in South Carolina filed a petition with The Public Service Commission requesting authority to revise their rates for intrastate long distance telephone service to the same level as approved by the Commission for Southern Bell Telephone and Telegraph Company in Commission's Order No. 15,962.

The Commission is of the opinion and so finds that the independent telephone companies should be allowed the same rates for long distance telephone service as authorized for Southern Bell Telephone and Telegraph Company.

The objectives of the Economic Stabilization Act of 1970, as enacted by the Congress include inflation control and creation of conditions necessary to provide healthy economic growth. These objectives are consistent with the regulatory standards enunciated by the statutes under which we exercise our jurisdiction, among other things, to determine whether the rates established or proposed to be established by utilities under our jurisdiction are just and reasonable. In discharging these statutory objectives through the regulatory process, this Commission's regulatory purposes are consonant with the objectives and purposes of the Economic Stabilization Act of 1970. We are of the opinion and so certify that the action taken by this Commission is consistent with and well within the objectives and standards established by the Economic Stabilization Act.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED: That, on or after January 1, 1972, all independent telephone companies owning and operating long distance telephone lines and furnishing long distance telephone service intrastate in South Carolina are hereby authorized to charge the same rates for said services as approved for Southern Bell Telephone and Telegraph Company by Commission's Order No. 15,962, dated December 22, 1971, as shown by rate schedule attached hereto and made a part of this Order.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED: That this Order remain in full force and effect until further Orders of the Commission.

BY ORDER OF THE COMMISSION:

ATTEST:

J. N. Land
Director of Administration

J. Lewis Moss
Chairman

NEW INTRASTATE MESSAGE TOLL RATE SCHEDULE

RATE MILEAGE	DIAL STATION - TO - STATION						OPERATOR STATION - TO - STATION				PERSON-TO-PERSON	
	Paid Only						Paid and Collect				Paid and Collect	
	DAY		EVENING SAT. AND SUN Mon. through Fri. 5 P to 11 P Sat., Sun. And Holidays 8 A to 11 P		NIGHT All Days 11 P to 8 A		DAY Mon. through Fri. 8 A to 5 P		EVENING Mon. through Fri. 5 P to 8 A And All Day Sat., Sun And Holidays		DAY All Hours	
	Initial 1 Minute	Each Add'l Minute	Initial 1 Minute	Each Add'l Minute	Initial 1 Minute	Each Add'l Minute	Initial 3 Minutes	Each Add'l Minute	Initial 3 Minutes	Each Add'l Minute	Initial 3 Minutes	Each Add'l Minute
0- 12	.15	.07	.14 ²	.05	.13 ³	.03	.30	.08	.24	.06	.68	.08
13- 24	.19	.12	.15	.08	.14 ²	.05	.50	.13	.39	.09	.86	.13
25- 45	.23	.16	.18	.11	.15	.07	.70	.17	.54	.11	1.04	.17
46- 66	.27	.20	.20	.13	.16	.09	.90	.21	.69	.14	1.22	.21
67- 98	.31	.24	.23	.16	.18	.11	1.05	.25	.80	.17	1.41	.25
99-144	.35	.28	.26	.19	.20	.13	1.20	.29	.91	.19	1.59	.29